

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for determining and applying one or more format attributes to content in an electronic document, the computer-implemented method comprising the steps of:

determining, by one or more computing devices, a first set of format attributes associated with a first region of content for the electronic document, wherein the first region of content comprises a source for a portion of content;

determining, by the one or more computing devices, a second set of format attributes associated with a second region of content for the electronic document, wherein the second region of content comprises a destination for the portion of content;

comparing, by the one or more computing devices, the first set of format attributes with the second set of format attributes; and

applying, by the one or more computing devices, to text characters in the portion of content those format attributes of the second set of format attributes that differ from the first set of format attributes in response to placing the portion of content at a location within the second region of content for the electronic document.

2. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

determining if any text characters in [[of]] the portion of content ~~contains~~ have direct formatting attributes in the first set of format attributes, wherein text characters in the first region of content that have the direct formatting attributes in the first set of format attributes are emphasized; ~~based on the first set of format attributes;~~ and

applying [[the]] direct formatting attributes in the second set of format attributes to text characters in the portion of content having the direct formatting attributes in the first set of format attributes, wherein text characters in the second region of content that have the direct formatting attributes in the second set of format attributes are emphasized. ~~based on the second set of format attributes;~~

3. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 2 wherein the step of applying the direct formatting attributes further comprises the step of determining a direct format attribute in the second set of format attributes, to apply to text characters in the portion of content containing direct formatting attributes, wherein the determined format attribute provides emphasis for the portion of content containing direct formatting attributes.

4. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the portion of content is a portion of content to be cut; wherein the location within the second region of content is a location into which the portion of content to be cut is to be pasted; and

wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be cut and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be cut is to be pasted.

5. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein the first region of content comprises a first paragraph and the second region of content comprises a second paragraph.

6. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1,
wherein the portion of content is a portion of content to be copied;
wherein the location within the second region of content is a location into which the
portion of content to be copied is to be pasted; and

wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

7. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1,
wherein the portion of content is a portion of content to be copied;
wherein the location within the second region of content is a location into which the
portion of content to be copied is to be pasted; and

wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of content associated with a first level in one or more outline objects comprising the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of content associated with a second level in one or more outline objects comprising the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

8. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

recording the first set of format attributes, in response to determining the first set of format attributes; and

recording the second set of format attributes, in response to determining the second set of format attributes.

9. (Currently Amended) A computing device system for determining and applying one or more format attributes to content in an electronic document, the computing device comprising:

a processing unit; and

a system memory storing:

a copy module, to be executed at least in part in a computing device, that is logically coupled to a format module, that, when executed by the processing unit, is operable to place a portion of content at a destination for the portion of content in the electronic document; and

a format module, to be executed at least in part in a computing device, that, when executed by the processing unit, is operable to determine a first set of format attributes associated with a first region of content for the electronic document, wherein the first region of content comprises a source for the portion of content,

the format module, when executed by the processing unit, further operable to determine a second set of format attributes associated with a second region of content for the electronic document,

wherein the second region of content comprises the destination for the portion of content,

the format module, when executed by the processing unit, further operable to compare the first set of format attributes with the second set of format attributes, and

the format module, when executed by the processing unit, further operable to apply to text characters in [[to]] the portion of content those format attributes of the second set of format attributes that differ from the first set of format attributes, in response to the copy module placing the portion of content at the destination.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computing device of claim 9, wherein the format module, when executed by the processing unit, is further operable to determine if any of the portion of content contains direct formatting attributes, based on the first set of format attributes, and further operable to apply the direct formatting attributes to the portion of content based on the second set of format attributes.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computing device of claim 10 wherein the format module, when executed by the processing unit, is further operable to determine a format attribute in the second set of format attributes to apply to text characters in the portion of content ~~containing~~ having direct formatting attributes, wherein the format attribute provides emphasis for text characters in the portion of content ~~containing~~ having direct formatting attributes.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computing device of claim 9, wherein the portion of content is a portion of content to be cut; wherein the location within the second region of content is a location into which the portion of content to be cut is to be pasted; and

wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be cut and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be cut is to be pasted.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computing device of claim 9 wherein the first region of content comprises a first paragraph and the second region of content comprises a second paragraph.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computing device of claim 9,
wherein the portion of content is a portion of content to be copied;
wherein the location within the second region of content is a location into which the
portion of content to be copied is to be pasted; and

wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computing device of claim 9,
wherein the portion of content is a portion of content to be copied;
wherein the location within the second region of content is a location into which the
portion of content to be copied is to be pasted; and

wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of content associated with a first level in one or more outline objects comprising the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of content associated with a second level in one or more outline objects comprising the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computing device of claim 9 wherein the format module is further operable to record the first set of format attributes, in response to determining the first set of format attributes; and record the second set of format attributes, in response to determining the second set of format attributes.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for determining one or more format attributes for content of an electronic document, the computer-implemented method comprising the steps of:

determining, by one or more computing devices, each of the format attributes associated with a region of content of the electronic document, wherein the region of content comprises a portion of content to be placed in another location of the electronic document;

determining, by the one or more computing devices, if any of the portion of content to be copied contains direct formatting attributes, the direct formatting attributes applied to emphasized text characters in the portion of content; and

recording, by the one or more computing devices, the format attributes and the direct formatting attributes associated with the portion of content.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 17, wherein the portion of content is a portion of content to be copied; and wherein the region of content comprises a plurality of paragraphs within a number of lines from the portion of content to be copied and pasted in another location of the electronic document.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 17, wherein the portion of content is a portion of content to be cut; and wherein the region of content comprises a plurality of paragraphs within a number of lines from the portion of content to be cut and pasted in another location of the electronic document.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 17 wherein the region of content comprises a paragraph comprising the portion of content.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 17 wherein the region of content comprises a plurality of paragraphs within a number of lines from the portion of content.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 17 wherein the region of content comprises a plurality of content associated with a level in one or more outline objects comprising the portion of content.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for applying direct format attributes to content of an electronic document, the computer-implemented method comprising the steps of:

determining, by one or more computing devices, a first set of format attributes associated with a first region of content of the electronic document, wherein the first region of content comprises a portion of content to be copied;

determining, by the one or more computing devices, a second set of format attributes associated with a second region of content of the electronic document, wherein the second region of content comprises a location into which the portion of content is to be pasted;

determining, by the one or more computing devices, if any of the portion of content contains direct formatting attributes, the direct formatting attributes applied to emphasized text characters in the portion of content;

applying, by the one or more computing devices, the direct formatting attributes to text characters in the portion of content based on the first set of format attributes and the second set of format attributes in response to pasting the portion of content at the location.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 23 wherein the step of applying the determined direct formatting attributes further comprises the step of determining a format attribute in the second set of format attributes to apply to text characters in the portion of content ~~containing~~ having direct formatting attributes, wherein the determined format attribute provides emphasis for the text characters in the portion of content ~~containing~~ having direct formatting attributes.

25. (Canceled).

26. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 23 wherein the first region of content comprises a first paragraph and the second region of content comprises a second paragraph.

27. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 23 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 23 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of content associated with a first level in one or more outline objects comprising the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of content associated with a second level in one or more outline objects comprising the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 23 further comprising the steps of:

recording the first set of format attributes, in response to determining the first set of format attributes; and

recording the second set of format attributes, in response to determining the second set of format attributes.

30. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for determining and applying one or more format attributes to content in a first electronic document, the computer-implemented method comprising the steps of:

determining, by one or more computing devices, a first set of format attributes associated with a first region of content for the first electronic document, wherein the first region of content comprises a source for a portion of content;

determining, by the one or more computing devices, a second set of format attributes associated with a second region of content for a second electronic document, wherein the second region of content comprises a destination for the portion of content;

comparing, by the one or more computing devices, the first set of format attributes with the second set of format attributes; and

applying, by the one or more computing devices, to text characters in the portion of content those format attributes of the second set of format attributes that differ from the first set of format attributes in response to placing the portion of content at a location of the second electronic document.

31. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 30 further comprising the steps of:

determining if any text characters in [[of]] the portion of content ~~contains~~ have direct formatting attributes in the first set of format attributes, wherein text characters in the first region of content that have the direct formatting attributes in the first set of format attributes are emphasized; ~~based on the first set of format attributes;~~ and

applying [[the]] direct formatting attributes in the second set of format attributes to text characters in the portion of content having the direct formatting attributes in the first set of format attributes, wherein text characters in the second region of content that have the direct formatting attributes in the second set of format attributes are emphasized, ~~based on the second set of format attributes.~~

32. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 31 wherein the step of applying the direct formatting attributes further comprises the step of determining a format attribute in the second set of format attributes, to apply to the portion of content containing direct formatting attributes, wherein the determined format attribute provides emphasis for the portion of content containing direct formatting attributes.

33. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 31, wherein the portion of content is a portion of content to be cut; wherein the location within the second region of content is a location into which the portion of content to be cut is to be pasted; and

wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be cut in the first electronic document and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be cut is to be pasted in the second electronic document.

34. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 30 wherein the first region of content comprises a first paragraph and the second region of content comprises a second paragraph.

35. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 30,
wherein the portion of content is a portion of content to be copied;
wherein the location within the second region of content is a location into which the
portion of content to be copied is to be pasted; and

wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the portion of content to be copied in the first electronic document and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted in the second electronic document.

36. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 30 wherein the first region of content comprises a first plurality of content associated with a first level in one or more outline objects comprising the portion of content to be copied and the second region of content comprises a second plurality of content associated with a second level in one or more outline objects comprising the location into which the portion of content to be copied is to be pasted.

37. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 30 further comprising the steps of:

recording the first set of format attributes, in response to determining the first set of format attributes; and

recording the second set of format attributes, in response to determining the second set of format attributes.

38. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage device storing a set of computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a processing unit of a computing device, cause the computing device to perform implementing a method for applying one or more format attributes to content in an electronic document, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, from a user, input indicating a selection of text in the electronic document;
receiving, from the user, an indication to cut or copy the selected text;
in response to receiving the indication to cut or copy the selected text, determining a source location region in the electronic document, the source location region comprising at least one paragraph, the source location region comprising the selected text;
for each format type in the source location region:
determining local formatting of the format type, the local formatting of the format type being a formatting attribute that characterizes more than fifty percent of text characters in the source location region;
recording the local formatting for the format type in a first dynamic style sheet;
determining emphasized text characters in the selected text, the emphasized text character having format characteristics that differ from the local formatting of the format type; and
marking, in the first dynamic style sheet, the emphasized text characters in the selected text as having a direct formatting attribute;
first set of format attributes associated with a first region of content, wherein the first region of content comprises a portion of content to be placed in another location;
receiving, from the user, an indication of an insertion point;
receiving, from the user, an indication to initiate a paste command;
in response receiving the indication to initiate a paste command;
determining a destination location region in the electronic document or another electronic document, the destination location region comprising the insertion point, wherein the destination location region comprises at least one paragraph; second set of format attributes associated with a second region of content, wherein the second region of

~~content comprises the other location, and wherein the other location is in one of the electronic document and another electronic document;~~

for each format type in the destination location region;

determining local formatting for the format type, the local formatting for the format type being a formatting attribute that characterizes more than fifty percent of text characters in the destination location region; and

recording the local formatting for the format type in a second dynamic style sheet;

~~comparing the first set of formatting attributes in the first dynamic style sheet with the second set of formatting attributes in the second dynamic style sheet; and~~

for each text character in the portion of content:

determining whether the text character is marked as having one or more direct formatting attributes;

if the text character is not marked as having one or more direct formatting attributes, applying to the portion of content the text character those formatting attributes [[of]] in the second dynamic style sheet set of format attributes that differ from the first dynamic style sheet; set of format attributes in response to placing the portion of content in the other location.

if the text character is marked as having one or more direct formatting attributes;

determining a formatting attribute in the second dynamic style sheet to apply to the text character, wherein the determined formatting attribute provides emphasis for text characters in the destination location region; and

applying the determined formatting attribute to the text character;

and

pasting the portion of content into the destination location region.

39.-40. (Canceled).

41. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage device of claim 38 wherein the ~~first region of content~~ source location region comprises a first plurality of paragraphs within a first number of lines from the ~~portion of content to be cut~~ selected text and the ~~second region of content~~ destination location region comprises a second plurality of paragraphs within a second number of lines from the insertion point, location into which the portion of content to be cut is to be pasted.

42.-45. (Canceled).